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PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery, convened at Clarkton Presbyterian church Wednesday, June 13th, 1906. The Union was called to order by the President, Mrs Johnson. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A McFadyen. On roll call the following societies were represented by delegates:

Wallace	Mrs. T. Q. Hall
Warsaw	Mrs. Barden
Whiteville	Mrs. McKeithan
Clarkton	Miss Annie Neal Clark
New Hope	Miss Orine Sexton
Mt. Zion	Miss Emma Newton
St. Andrews	Mrs. Pridgen
Immanuel	Misses Campbell, McDougall
1st Church	Mrs. Price
Chadbourn	Miss Shaver
Caswell	Miss Murphy
Delagdo	Misses Call, Colsin
Burgaw	Miss Annie Moore
South River	Misses Cromartie, Mann
Clarkton	Miss Annie Lou Kelly
Elizabeth McRae	Mrs. Chadbourn

Miss Gertrude McFadyen, happily and graciously welcomed the Union to Clarkton, and all felt that they were indeed glad to be here; after hearing her cordial words of greeting and welcome.

In the absence of Miss Margaret Peirce. Mrs. Barden of Warsaw, responded in beautiful and well chosen words, after which we had reports from the Standing Committees. Miss Murphy, Chairman of Organization committe, reported the organization of five new societies during the year. She insisted that

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very little had been done but plead that this should not be any discouragement, but that we plan for greater things in the coming year.

Mrs. Barden of the Literature committee, reported some work done in the way of circulating literature and recommended having a literature fund, and asked that the Union consider this matter at this meeting, and thought if $10.00 was put in their hands, for buying and circulating literature, much good could be done. She urged the necessity of every church having a missionary library. She also urged that they have a literature table, at meetings of the Union.

Reports from the Societies were read by the delegates. Reports from Societies not represented, were read by Miss Moore. Miss Annie Moore, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had sent out 400 pieces of mail during the year.

The President then read her sixth annual report to the Union. We next had a map journey, conducted by Mrs. C. R. Knight, which was of much interest. There was then a discussion of the work of organization and the best method of raising the fund for the Literature committee. It was moved by Mrs Price, that each Society pledge a certain amount for this cause, this resolution passed, $17.00 was pledged for the purpose.

After singing a hymn, the Union adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the Union was called to order by the President, Mrs. Johnson. In the absence of Mrs. J. C. Stewart, agent for Young Peoples Societies, Mrs. Knight presided.

A Song Service was conducted by Miss Laura Dell Clark. Devotional exercises by Miss Alice John-

son. Instead of reading verses from the bible, the leader read questions, the Young People responded with bible verses. Mrs. Knight then read the report of the Young Peoples work. which was very encouraging. three new bands have been organized during the year, there are 33 Bands now enrolled. and their contributions amounted to $350.00 this year. There is much evidence of interest among the young people, many of them paying for the work. She recommends that the Union appoint a Secretary and four band leaders, as members of the Executive Committee, to work with the agent for Young Peoples work. Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing" was then sung, after which reports from the following Bands were read.

Little Gleaners,	Burgaw.
Duncan Black,	Hopewell.
Little Helpers,	Teachey.
Willing Workers,	Duplin Roads.
,, ,,	Mt. Zion.
Westminister League.	Mt Olive.
B. F. Marable Band,	Clinton.
Julia Farrior Sanford,	Kenansville.
Archibald McFadyen,	Clarkton,
J. Faison,	Faison.
Lillian Curtis,	Now Hope.
Children M. B.	Southport.
Earnest Workers,	Caswell.
Worth Band	,,
Kenneth McDonald,	Black River.
D. C. Rankin,	Harmony.
May Johnson,	Immanuel.
Emma Worth,	,,
Covenanters,	,,
Westminister League,	St. Andrews.
Christian Endeavor,	,,
Catherine Price,	1st Church.
Children Society,	,,
Junior Covenanters,	,,

Hymn. "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung, after which Miss Rosa Lee Clark delighted the Union

with a recitation. "The Altered Question. this was followed by a beautiful solo. sung by Miss Hattie C. Cromartie. Mr. Rowland then addressed the Union.

Hymn 235, "Speed away" was then sung: followed by the recitation, "The Master's Whisper" by Miss Isabel McDougald, which was very much enjoyed.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Williams, after which Mrs. Johnson took the chair and brought before the Union the election of officers. She recommended changing all the officers, except the Corresponding Secretary; whom she thought best for the Union to retain if possible. After discussion, it was decided to appoint a committee for the election of officers, to report Thursday morning. The following ladies were appointed on this committee; Mrs. Price, Mrs. Pridgen Misses Lillian Colvin and Cora Moore.

The meeting then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

At the Evening Session. at 8:30, Mr. Rowland gave a stirring address on Missions in the Sunday School.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Johnson. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Johnson, followed by a Song Service. Memorial Service was then conducted by Miss Emma Boney.

During the past year; two of our Missionaries, Miss Wimbish of Japan and Mrs. Davis of China, laid down their work on earth and entered their Eternal Home. Mrs. Davis was in this country at the time of her death, while her husband was in China. Mrs. Chadbourne and Mrs. Barden, read letters setting

forth the beautiful and consecrated life of Miss Wimbish. Miss Boney spoke beautifully developing the idea that we should not think of our departed loved ones as dead, but that they had gone to their eternal home.

Hymn, "Asleep in Jesus" was then sung and prayer offered by Mrs. Crowley, for the beloved ones and their work. Memmorials of Miss Annie Kenan of Kenansville, Miss Johnson of James Sprunt Institute, Miss Ida Boney of Mt. Zion and Mrs. Lindsey Walker of New Hope. This was followed by a solo "The Homeland" charmingly sung by Miss McFadyen.

Mrs. Johnson then took the chair. The minutes of Wednesday afternoon were read by the Secretary.

Mrs. Johnson showed the churches having no Societies and urged the necessity of aggressive work during the coming year.

Miss Murphy, agent of the Hospital fund, read her report. She reported that $27.00 had been raised, $1,250.00 still to be raised, 45 shares had been taken, 35 still to be taken. Mrs. Johnson called for pledges from the societies. $540.00 was pledged. Mrs Johnson urged the necessity of the societies, continuing their contribution to the Hospital fund until the amount is all raised.

A letter from Mrs. Geo. Worth, was then read by Miss Annie Moore, which was much enjoyed. Mrs. Johnson, referred to the "Bi monthly" published in China, about the work, and urged that each society take a copy. She also urged the necessity of our members subscribing to the Missionary and the Childrens Missionary. Mrs. Johnson, as chairman of the Executive Committee, asked that all societies that had not used the programme, prepared by the committee on, The work of our Unions, to use it at the August meeting instead of studying Papal Europe.

Mrs. Price, as Chairman of committee on Election of Officers, asked for prayer, that they might be guarded in their recommendations. After prayer by Mrs Hall and singing a hymn. the Union adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Union was called to order at 2:30 by Mrs. Johnson. Song and prayer service was conducted by Mrs. Hannah. Home Mission objects were presented by Mrs. Hall. A letter from Lee, McRae Institute, written by Miss Sue Hall to the Union. describing in stirring words. the work done in that school and also a letter from the girl that receives the benefit of the scholarship fund, was read to the Union.

She sugested that the Union establish a scholarship for the James Sprunt Institute. After discussing the matter, the Union decided to raise the fund and appointed Mrs. Hall to take charge of this work.

Reports were then read from the Home Mission Societies of Chadbourn and 1st. church Wilmington.

The naming of the Hospital in China was then discussed. The Union decided that it should be called the Worth Hospital. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Crowley for Dr. Worth and family and Mrs McRae.

Report from Nominating Committee.

President–Mrs. J. Johnston.
Vice President—Mrs. Brown.
2nd Vice President—Miss. Pierce.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Annie Moore.
Recording Secretary—Miss McFadyen.
Agent. Young Peoples Work–Mrs. J. C. Stewart.
Assistant " Mrs. Bannerman.

Mrs. Barden. Chairman of Committee on Resolutions read the report. Invitations for the Union next

June were considered. Wallace and Clinton both extended invitations. The invitation to Wallace was accepted. The invitation from Warsaw for the day of prayer was accepted. Mrs Clark conducted consecration services. Mrs. Johnson then took the chair and after singing "Bless be the tie that binds" the Union adjourned.

We then had a stirring address on Home Missions by Robert Murphey Williams.

COMMITTEES.

Executive.

Mrs Jackson Johnson, Winnabow, N. C., President.
Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Margaret Pierce, Vice Presidents.
Miss Annie D. Moore, Burgaw, N. C., Corresponding Secretary
Miss Miriam McFadyen, Clarkton, Recording Sec. and Treas.
Mrs. James C. Stewart, Manager for Young People's Work.
Mrs. W. T. Bannerman, Secretary for Young People's Work.
Mrs. B. F. Hall, Agent for May Johnson Scholarship.
Miss Eliza Murphy, Agent for Hospital Fund.

Mrs. E. A. McRae — Mrs. J. B. Moore
Mrs. A. D. McClure — Mrs. B. B. Wetherington
Mrs. C. R. Knight.

Organization.

Mrs. W. D. Davis — Mrs. D. C. Whitted
,, F. A. Pridgen — Miss Eva Ward
,, Barden — ,, Maggie Johnson
Mrs E. C. Clark.

Literature.

Mrs. W. H. Chadbourn — Mrs. R. M. Mann
,, Anna Moore — Miss Clara Taylor
,, D. B. Jordan — ,, Winnie Faison

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED		
From Miss DeVane		$ 9.61
Contingent Dues		44.90
Collection June 14,.....		12.12
PAID OUT		
To Mr. C. A. Rowland..... ..	$ 30.00	
Rev. A. Baker.....	1.00	
Mrs. Clark [for Express]	.25	
Cor. Sec. [for Postage] ..	3.50	
Balance on hand to be forwarded to Treas.	31.88	
	$ 66.63	$ 66.63

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In submitting this; my sixth annual report to the Union, it is with humility and great joy we thank God for his continued blessing and leading. Our progress has been onward, upward, and tho as we look back, we can see many duties left undone and other things unwisely done: yet we know that each day's work was accomplished with an eye single to His glory and that the failures were not from low or false ideas, but just because our hands are weak human ones, but this is God's work we are doing. He has taken our trembling, skilless hands and in spite of our perplexed blundering, He has brought success as a result of our labor, and today we stand as a Union in better organized working condition than ever before, accomplishing greater visible results and with a promise of even greater things in the near future.

Many of us who have endured the heat and toil of the day will be strengthened and nerved to continued effort if we compare our work with that of other Unions in our Synod, not in the spirit of self righteousness—God forbid— but that we may be refreshed and encouraged, as we see how our labor is being blessed.

I find in looking over the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Mission to the Assembly of 1906, that they report the Presbyteries of our Synod thus; Albermarle, 24 churches; 4 societies, Ashville 17 churches; 4 societies, Concord 51 churches; 20 societies, Fayetteville 82 churches; 50 societies, King's Mountain; 26 churches 3 societies, Mecklenburg 37 churches; 11 societies, Orange 47 churches; 17 societies, Wilmington 51 churches; 29 societies. This shows that we stand relatively, and when we see this, our place of honor in the fighting line of our Captain, we should gird up our loins to go forth to new fields of conquest. Just what this work will be, we do not know for the future lies hidden to us, but it is in God's hands and "He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth"

Altho we stand so well in our Synod, as a whole, [Our Presbyterian Churches] we fall behind some other churches in contributions, as last year's statistics compiled by Robert E. Speer, will show. The Methodist gave 45 cents per capta, Episcopalians; 48, Baptist; 63, Presbyterians; $1.04, Congregationalists; $1.11, Reformists: $1.29, United Presbyterians; $1.77.
So we precieve that none of our churches give largely to this cause; nor in proportion to their wealth. for instance: the Uni-

ted Presbyterians, as a whole are by no means as well-to-do as our own Presbyterians. yet they exceed us by 73 cents, per capta. per year. Young People, let us make this matter as it should be.

As to the year's routine of work, The Executive Committee has held four meetings, all well attended. The Sessions have been most busy ones as our work continues to grow and increase in its demands. The Committee is glad to report that the Elizabeth McRae Scholarship fund is now settled, our part, $500.00 having been fully raised, and "Our Girl" has enjoyed one year of schooling. The Worth Hospital Fund is not yet finished, however, Dr. Chester assures us that the building of the Hospital shall not suffer for our failure to come up to our obligations on time, in fact he thinks that Dr. Worth has gotten him the funds as rapidly as he has been able to use them. The total amount so far received and credited to us at Nashville is $3,151.74, leaving us due $848.26. Now ladies and young people, this will not do, make pledges and then not meet them. This amount can and should be raised by the close of this year. We can do it. Are we going to do it? It was said of the Presbyterian church more than fifty years ago that it is a Missionary Society, the object of which, is to aid in the conversion of the world, and every member of this church, is a life member of said society, and bound to do all they can for the accomplishment of this object.

Let us know that the missionary campaign is not merely a department of church activity, it is "The whole thing" When a disaster like the recent one in San Francisco occurs, our hearts are touched, our purse strings untied ,and we forward large sums of money to relieve the suffering. These ought ye to have done, and not leave the others undone. Need I apply this? Nay, but let each soul do so in its secret hour with God.

There have been five new societies organized since our last meeting, two Woman's: one each at Delgado and Immanuel, two Childrens Bands at First church and one at Southport.

All the advance steps we have taken in recent years, have proved to be in the right direction. The embracing of Home Mission Societies and Young Peoples Work, probably being the most significant. My only recommendation to the Union, that has not been adopted, is the suggestion that we have one session at our annual meetings, devoted to bible study after the nature of a Bible Institute, probably the time is not ripe yet for this advance step. but when it is, let us take it for it will proove to us in strength and power, second only to our Day of Prayer

and this brings me to the suggestion that it may be that we can combine the two and have an hour of that day's session devoted to bible study, along the lines of Apostolic methods, early missions and those subjects that will help us direct our Union work

Now in conclusion; I would like to remind you of a fact and some more statistics. As to the fact, you will remember that this is the appointed time for the election of officers for the coming two years. I wish earnestly to say, that it is not only best for the Union, that we have a new set of officers in our various chairs, but it is only fair to the present officers, that they be given a rest. The duties of each of our chairs, are most arduous ones. Because they are well filled, it is not just in the Union to insist upon the present laborers continuing, nor is it fair to other members, to suggest that they could not so well fill the places. It is not that any one of us wishes to shirk our duty, surely our record prooves that, but it is, that we know a change will be best and for this reason my prayer is, "May we be divinely led in this matter.

The Statistics I wish to call your attention to are compiled also by that great man. Robert E. Speer, and I quote so that in a broad sweeping way we may glance at the record of world wide missions. He says the mission enterprise entered the nineteenth century with seven missionary societies and left it with 300. It entered with 170 missionaries and left it with 12,000. It entered with an income of $25,000 and left it with $15,000,000. It entered with 50 translations of the bible and left with 400. It entered with 50,000 Native Christians and left with 1,500,000, and the work is only beginning. One of the most significant of all modern developments, is the work of missions.

May the love of this most significant of all modern developments, get hold of us so that this coming year will yield a rich harvest for the Master.

O! for a passionate passion for souls,
O! for a pity that yearns.
O! for a love that never grows cold,
O! for a fire that burns.
O! for a power that prevails,
That pours itself out for the lost;
Victorious power in the Conqueror's name.
The Victor of Pentecost.

Respectfully Submitted and fraternally yours in Christ.

MRS. J. JOHNSON.

As Manager of the Young Peoples Bands, I wish to submit the following Report to the W. M. Union of Wilmington Presbytery.

Another year has passed Dear Friends, and we have met to consider what has been done, in our Union. As Agent for Young People's Work, I am much encouraged and am glad to report that this branch of our work is going forward.

There have been three new bands organized this past year two in the First church and one at Southport, the first two under the direction of Miss Jessie Hall, the later by Mrs. Curtis.

Tne gifts of these bands to Foreign Missions alone was over $350.00. My work has been somewhat curtailed the past year, limited to writing letters to the bands and individuals that wished help and encouragement. I have met with leaders and members of bands, and talked and planned with them what the needs of each seemed to be. I consider the bands well organized and each one doing a good work.

We now have 33 bands in our Presbytery, but there is a number of churches still without a Young Peoples organization Let us press forward and not be contented until there is a band organized in every church in the Presbytery. This can be done if the Organization Committee will aid the Manager of Young Peoples Work. Let us not forget the stirring address of Dr. Phillips, at our last meeting, and not be content to rest on our oars. but to press forward. This is not the work of the Manager of Y. P. Bands or the Organization Committee alone, but listen to these little verses as appeal to you.

All must help; or the work of God,
Will be hindered in many ways.
And all must share in the earnest prayer
And join in the song of praise.

If one falls out of his place you see
No other can step right in,
For every one has his own to fill,
And his own bright crown to win.

Let none be idle or give the work;
But half a divided heart.
Let all the hands be busy and full,
And every one do his part.

For the wonderful work will then go on;
And no precious time be lost,
And none will grieve when the crown is won,
Whatever the work may cost.

This meeting closes my fourth year as manger of Young Peoples Work in our Presbytery. At the beginning of this term, there was three bands reported to this Union, with $75.00 contributed in five years to Foreign Mission. Today we report thirty three bands in our Presbytery, and in the past four years these bands have given nearly $1,000.00 to Foreign Missions. Surely the Lord has greatly blessed these young people in their work, to send the gospel to those that sit in darkness.

Let us pray that God would honor our Presbytery, by calling some of these young people to go as Missionaries. Since I've been in this work my hearts desire has been for many of those young people to offer themselves for God's service, where ever He would direct them to work.

I wish to thank the band leaders and young people for their hearty co-operation in the work of the past four years and hope they will continue their good work with the Agent for Young Peoples Work, who will be elected at this meeting.

I wish to make two suggestions, First: that a Secretary be appointed to Work with the Manager, Second: that four Band Leaders be appointed members of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. J. C. STEWART,
Agent of Y. P. Work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

During the past year something, but by no means sufficient has been accomplished towards the distribution of leaflets and Missionary literature in places where we trust the seeds may bring forth abundantly. Already in a number of incidents encouraging results have come under our observation, but to carry the work, with any degree of satisfaction, a Literature Fund, is an absolute necessity For lack of this, the Committee's efforts have been much curtailed, as the Union has made no provisions for the free distribution of literature. We earnestly recommend that the subject be taken up at this meeting.

Missionary reading is an important factor in creating interest among those ignorant of the great things being achieved in Foreign Fields. Even with a small sum given annually, much might be done and a systematic plan of distribution established. We recommend that the president of every society in this Presbytery, collect ten cents from each member and send it to the Chairman of the Committee on Literature, as early as possible.

We feel it is better for each individual to have an interest in this fund; than leave it to a few persons or one society.

The Year book of Prayer, we find helpful as a means of grace, and are glad to say many have adopted its use and others are doing so constantly. The best advice to give one who has never seen it, savs Katharine Spear, is to obtain a copy, use it faithfully and see if you ever want to be without it.

Now as to subscriptions to the Missionary, the difficulty seems to be in getting it used, as very often, on the library table it becomes snowed under by a multitude of other periodicals, a magazine which above everything else is telling the story of what is transpiring in the world. Also the Children's Missionary is too often disregarded. These little workers of the future are ever sensitive to a missionary atmosphere, in the home.

But even after reading magazines and leaflets, our information is still too meagre unless we supplement it with books, Hence the importance of a Missionary Library in every church, even if it is a small one. It should contain biographies, books on countries where the work is being carried forward, one on comparative religions and some written to stimulate missionary enthusiasm. Hence the Literature table is "Sine qua non" at Union Meetings.

Respectfully submitted and yours with the hope of extending and systematizing our efforts.

MARGARET HILL PEIRCE.

REPORT OF AGENT FOR WORTH HOSPITAL FUND, JUNE 1906.

Adding all contributions known to have gone forward for the Hospital Fund, the amount has reach about $2,750: leaving $1,250 of the whole amount due. In all 45 shares have been taken and paid in full this spring. If those who have paid their pledges, will pay this year the same amount as was paid the two previous years, there would only remain lacking $125.

Our interest in an object usually grows as we give to its support, and I believe that the majority of those who have been helping, will continue until the fund is complete.

We believe there are others, who when their interest is awaken, will do as good part as these who have helped earlier. From one source or other, we hope to obtain the balance of the $4,000, due, by the time Dr. Worth shall have procured the ground from the present Chinese owners and actually set forward with the building.

We have committed a loving favor to have this task set for us and it would grieve us to know we had spared any possible efforts to finish our task within the alloted time. Perhaps we have all failed in some degree, perhaps some have not been interested, but some who would have gladly done a better part have been withheld from carrying out many tempting plans.

It is not desired for this fund to be raised by a few, but as many persons from as many churches as possible, should share in the giving. The consumation of this idea would be reached if when the Hospital is erected at Kiang Yin, its share holders would represent every congregation Within our Presbytery. If the pastors would fall in line with this idea, it seems an easy thing to encompass. It seems also such a golden opportunity to interest those who have not been interested in missions and mission giving.

I plead still for carrying out this idea. I think only one other thing would please our missionaries more, and that would be to hear of volunteers for China from Wilmington Presbytery

Those who have made generous gifts in this fund, thro self denial and constant effort, have no doubt heard over and over in their hearts the refrain "It is more blessed to give than to receive" but if your gifts were sent across the seas laden with prayer and followed with loving interest and daily petitions, be assured that the payment of your pledges was not a good deed done and forgotten. "What's done for earth fails by and by, what's done for God, can never die"

He whose good message to this world was "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly" has stirred His church as never before, during the past few years, to giving, praying and going for the rescue of Nations from the powers of darkness. This special work in which we have been engaged, has urged us forward to give in larger measurs than we have done before. Surely we are not willing to fall backward one whit. There is far more need than when our pledges were made. Our Committee is calling for thirty five new missionaries. We thank God that young men and women are offering to go. The receipts at the Mission Treasury for April were less than April 1905. Somebody has fallen behind. Certainly we cannot do less, but each year more and more.

Counting the Thanksgiving and the 5th Sabbath collections, there are in our churches, twelve collections each year for Home Missions. Let us give to these causes, neglecting none, but let us make our largest single offering to this greatest of all needs, the need of the vast perishing heathen world, for the gospel. The gospel which is ours by birth right, but brought to our forefathers centuries after Christ by missionaries. Let not China's millions become hearsay to us. During recent years we have had more opportunity to learn of the unspeakable sin, sorrow and need of two thirds of the human race. Our responsibility has increased with our knowledge.

Have we done what we could?

Respectfully Submitted,

ELIZA W. MURPHY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1906.

Tho there were plans and hopes, for doing so much during the past year, we must face the fact that not one organization has been effected by our special committee, but we know that our offering—time, service and faith is accepted, tho the things we earnestly plan may not be accomplished, so wasting no precious moments in discouragement, we will with renewed faith look to plans for the year before us.

There are within the Presbytery sixty openings for societies, coincidentally thirty each of Woman's and Young People's

I do not think we have the right to say that we cannot organize societies in this church or that. We must regard each opening in its two fold nature, of opportunity and responsibility. So clearly have we seen the good hand of God upon us, to guide, we are assured that He will lead us onward in our work, so long as our faces are turned towards Him. In order to fulfil all his good pleasure, we need forces, more hearts and hands. Organizing is enrolling forces. It is opening the door thro which we may be bearers of blessings and our hands strengthened in turn.

On the other hand, that which demands our more serious consideration, is our responsibility in this matter. Even as we value the privilege of our work together, year by year, as we think upon the sacred joy we have found in mission service and all our own souls have received thereby, even so, are we responsible for those all about us, who are not sharing these good things.

Many, I believe are willing and eager to take their places in the ranks of regular workers.

It is well known that Fayetteville Missionary Union is, and has been for years the banner Union of our Southern Church. Mrs. Elizabeth McRae, as its leader, held the organization work, not as a part of the Union work; to be done little by little, but as the one chief task to be done without delay.

She took no rest until she had gone up and down the length and breadth of a Presbytery much larger than ours, and never failed in one instance when she attempted to organize a society.

I wish to mention that there has been some good seed sowing in the past year, and wherever in the Presbytery is found a student from James Sprunt Institute, I believe she will prove a loyal helper in any missionary enterprise.

From each pastorate in the Presbytery, we plead for one woman, who will believe with all heart that societies can be organized in every church in her alloted territory, and will work with all her might to verify this belief. One who will be a living, shining example of our watch word "Faith, Faithfulness"

Let us indeed forget those things which are behind. We have not by right one moment to spend in thinking or speaking of past failures or present difficulties. The command is, "Go forward," the warning, "Behold I come quickly," the promise, "Your labor is not in vain, in the Lord."

Let us remember, that to accomplish any great things in our own beloved Presbytery, as in every department of life, depends upon individual effort. The call of the Master comes to His servants thro the needs which they plainly see.

Unheeding, can we turn away?
Is it from lips or hearts, we say
Thy Kingdom come?

Oh! lead us each to take some share,
In answering our daily prayer,
Thy Kingdom come.

Respectfully Submitted,

ELIZA W. MURPHY, Chairman.

EXHIBITION OF CURIOS.

The Curios exhibited were from Africa, China and Siam. Mrs Crowley had charge of those from Africa and Mrs. Chadbourn those from China and Siam. Mr. Rowland had several hundred interesting specimens of missionary literature.

IN MEMORIUM.

Miss Wimbish..... Japan.
Mrs, Davis..... China.
Miss Annie Kenan.....Kenansville.
Miss May Johnson, Jas. Sprunt Institute.
Miss Ida Boney ..... Mt. Zion.
Mrs. Lindsey Walker.... ....New Hope.

ERATA.

On the first page of cover and the first inside page, the serial number of session should be: nineteenth instead of thirteenth.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

LADIES' SOCIETIES.	No. Members.	Increase Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.	Gain.	Children's Mis. taken.	Missionaries taken.
Burgaw	18	.....	7	$ 57.00	$ 3.16	$	.....	3
,, Orphan's Aid	22	.....	.....	4.00	.18	.....	.....	.....
Clarkton	22	7	12	60.00	2.72	.....	.....	7
Chadbourn	22	4	6	25.00	1.17	12.00	2	5
Caswell	23	3	7	50.00	2.18	.....	5	7
Clinton	18	2	5	67.50	3.75	.....	1	6
Faison	15	.....	8	25.00	1.66	10.00	.....	5
Kenansville,—Grove	18	1	5	16.00	.87	.....	3	6
Magnolia,—Mt. Zion	12	3	8	18.40	1.53	.....	.....	4
New Hope	8	.....	4	90.00	11.25	15.00	.....	7
Teachey's	8	1	5	12.50	1.50	.....	5	4
Mt. Horeb	18	3	7	20.95	1.02	13.25	1	5
Wilmington—St Andrews	33	10	15	102.80	3.11	.....	2	12
,, First Church.	60	4	35	305.00	5.08	26.85	.....	.....
,, E. McRae	9	9	5	106.23	11.80	49.23	.....	6
,, First Church.	40	6	13	497.00	12.42	.....	.....	.....
,, Immanuel	7	1	5	3.80	.50	.....	1	4
,, St. An's.C.E.	35	10	35	100.00	2.50	.....	.....	.....
,, Delgado	14	.....	10	10.74	.74	.....	.....	1
Warsaw	15	.....	8	25.00	1.60	.....	.....	8
Wallace	35	4	20	69.71	1.99	6.69	.....	10
Whiteville	3	.....	3	10.00	3.33	.....	.....	.....
Chadbourn,— L. A. M.	22	4	6	17.00	.77	9.00	.....	.....

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BANDS.	No. Members.	Increase Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.	Gain.	Children's Mis. taken.	Missionaries taken.
Burgaw	22	6	12	$ 28.00	$ 1.27	$ 3.00	1	.....
Chadbourn	15	4	6	5.00	.33	.....	2	.....
Caswell-Earnest Workers	9	2	4	22.50	2.45	.....	4	1
,, Worth Band	25	.....	6	15.00	.60	.....	6	.....
Clinton—B. F. Marable	17	4	12	30.00	1.76	.....	.....	.....
Clarkton—A. McFadyen	17	7	8	22.50	1.32	22.50	3	3
,, Young People's	24	5	12	18.00	.75	.....	.....	5
Faison—I. R. Faison	3	.....	5	6.25	2.08	.....	.....	3
Kenansville—Covenanters	27	.....	.....	25.00	.92	.....	.....	.....
New Hope—Lillian Curtis	13	2	6	12.50	.96	.....	2	.....
South River	17	2	12	22.50	1.33	.....	3	5
Warsaw—Worth Band	11	.....	8	22.50	1.13	.....	.....	.....
Wallace-Willing Workers	25	.....	15	24.75	.99	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington—Immanuel	13	4	5	18.50	1.42	6.05	.....	2
,, Kath'ne Price	12	5	7	20.95	1.71	.....	.....	.....
,, Childrens Soc	15	.....	9	3.00	.20	.....	6	.....
,, Westminister	28	2	15	23.50	.83	6.00	5	1
,, 1st Ch. Cov.	16	.....	12	1.60	.10	.....	.....	.....
Teacheys	19	1	12	25.00	.32	.....	5	4
Southport-Fidelity Band.	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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MESSAGE TO THE UNION JUNE, 1907.

[SENT BY MRS. MCRAE.]

"Go forward in the work:
For the King's business requireth haste.
We must be up and doing,
For the night cometh when no man can work.
Whatever else we leave undone, we MUST DO the Lord's work."

HER LAST MESSAGE.

"Tell them 'From my heart, God bless them,' and tell them never to fall behind, but always to GO FORWARD in the work for the Master—always go forward."

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery convened at Wallace Presbyterian Church June 13th, 1907. The Union being called together by the President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson, devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. P. M. Currie.

On roll call the following Societies were represented by delegates :

Clinton	Mrs. H. Grady.
Warsaw	Miss Margaret Peirce.
Mt. Olive	Mrs. H. J. Pope.
Faison	Mrs. B. B. Witherington.
Wallace	Miss Clement.
Teacheys	Mrs. J. C. McMillan.
Rockfish	Mrs. C. J. Williams.
Mt. Zion	Miss Lula Southerland.
Bargaw	Mrs. T. L. Moore.
Caswell	Miss Eliza Murphy.
Black River	Miss Maggie Johnson.
South River	Miss Lamb.
Clarkton	Mrs. G. L. Clark.
New Hope	Miss Kate M. Johnson.
Grove	Mrs. W. M. Shaw.
First Church	Mrs. W. H. Chadbourn.
Elizabeth McRae	Mrs. W. H. Chadbourn.
St. Andrew's	Mrs. W. H. Sprunt.
Immanuel	Mrs. J. S. Crowley.

Mrs. C. B. Johnson in a most hospitable and gracious manner welcomed the Union to Wallace, and all present were delighted to be in that thriving little town. Miss Kate Monroe responded in a modest and graceful way, in a few well chosen words that voiced the sentiments of all the guests.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Mrs. B. B. Witherington was asked to take the minutes of the morn-

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ing session. There were no reports from the standing committees. The Treasurer's report and minutes of last meeting, also minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee, were read by Miss Moore.

Miss Moore, Corresponding Secretary, reported 198 pieces of mail sent out during the year—the shortage from last year due to the pleasant fact that the ladies had readily responded to her requests.

Next came the President's report, in which three very important features were brought before the Union :

First Request from both Orange and Fayetteville Unions asking us to consider the plan of co-operating, so as to have our annual meetings consecutively in order to get the benefit of missionary speakers.

Second. A letter from Albemarle Union asking us to consider a State organization.

Third. A request from the Executive Committea at Nashville urging us to send a visitor to all churches with and without Societies, for the purpose of encouraging and strengthening the work. Letters were read from the Executive Committee at Nashville and the Recording Secretary, Miss Miriam McFadyen.

Miss Maria Loftin was appointed to fill the place of the Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. B. F. Hall for the recovery of Rev. A. McFadyen, and that his daughter might be permitted to continue her faithful work for the Union.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the Union was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, agent for Young People's Societies, being absent, Mrs. Bannerman presided. The song service was conducted by Miss Madge Southerland. After several songs, the solo, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," was very sweetly and touchingly rendered by Miss Callie Newton. Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Sallie Peirce. She read for our lesson

the 10th chapter of Romans. We were then led in prayer for the Young People's Work by Miss Murphy, after which followed a chain prayer, invoking God's blessing and guidance in the great cause of Missions. Mrs. Bannerman then read the report of the Young People's Work. While there were no new bands organized during the past year, the report of their work was encouraging and showed much interest and zeal among the young people. Their gifts to Foreign Missions amounted to over $300.

Reports were then read from the following Bands:

Wilmington, First Church.
Wilmington, Covenanters.
Westminster League.....St. Andrew's.
Emma Worth Band.....Immanuel.
Kenneth McDonald.....Black River.
Willing Workers.....Clarkton.
Archibald McFayden.....Clarkton.
Little Gleaners.....Burgaw.
Orphan's Aid Society.....Burgaw.
Willing Workers.....Wallace.
Willing Workers.....Rockfish.
Little Helpers.....Teacheys.
B. F. Marable Band.....Clinton.
Worth Band.....Warsaw.
Senior Covenanters.....Kenansville.
Miriams.....Kenansville.
Lillian Curtis Band.....New Hope.
Children's Society.....Southport.
Isham Faison Band.....Faison.

Miss Katharine Hawes, of Richmond, then addressed the young people. After vividly picturing the noble vows of the Knights of King Arthur's Court and the determination with which they strove to carry out these vows, she touchingly spoke of the greatest of all battles in which we all should be engaged, the great fight for Christ.

Mr. Cameron Johnson then came before the Union and spoke earnestly to the Young People, of ways in which they might give to Missions and of the claims of the Hongchow School.

After singing a hymn the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8:30 Mr. Cameron Johnson gave a very instructive and entertaining picture talk on Japan, after which an offering was taken.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Union was called to order by Mrs. Johnson. It was a great pleasure to have with us our young mission ary who sails for China in September, Miss Jessie Hall, of Wilmington, who conducted the praise and prayer service. Miss Hall forcibly spoke of the great things which have snd can be accomplished through prayer and the utter unfruitfulness of anything undertaken without fervent prayer and also the thankegiving which should always follow the answers to our prayers. The service was closed by a sentence prayer for the Missionaries.

Memorial service was then conducted by Mrs. R. M. McIntyre. Hymn, "There is a Land of Pure Delight," was sung. After the reading the solo, "Face to Face," was sweetly rendered by Miss Callie Newton.

Since our last meeting two of our Missionaries, Rev. H. B. Price and Miss Agnes V. Inniss, have been called to their eternal home and also the beloved Dr. Paton. Mrs. McIntyre read letters setting forth the beautiful and consecrated lives of these servants of God.

Memorials of Mrs. Elizabeth McRae and Mrs. S. E. Toon, of Wilmington, were read, also mention of the sad death of Mrs. Price, of Wilmington. There was also read a sweet and touuhing memorial to a member of the Young People's Band, Flora Colvin, of Caswell, who died on her 17th birthday.

Reports were read from twenty-two Societies. Reports from Societies not represented were read by Miss Moore. A new Society was reported organized at Seven Springs with twenty members and a request made that encouragement and help be sent them such as literature, visitors, etc.

Mrs. Johnson then called attention to the fact that

our Union is the second oldest Union in the Southern Presbyterian Church, it being organized in 1888. At that time Mrs. Worth (nee Miss Emma Chadbourn, of Wilmington) offered to go as a Missionary, and on the 19th anniversary we have another under appointment, Miss Jessie Hall, of Wilmington.

Miss Margaret Peirce read the report from the Literature Committee. She recommends that each church elect a Local Literature Secretary, whose duty shall be to communicate with the Chairman and receive from the catalogues of publications and samples of new leaflets to be supplied from the Union lierature fund.

Miss Murphy, agent of the Hospital Fund, read her report.

The question of having consecutive meetings with the Unions of the Synod was discussed, and Mrs. W. T. Bannerman was appointed as representative of the Union to confer with the Unions as to the arrangement of the most suitable times for meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Union was called together at 2:30 by the President and the praise service was conducted by Mrs. J. B. Moore. After prayer and singing hymn 695, the President again took the chair and reports were read from the following Home Mission Societies : Caswell, First Church (Wilmington), Rockfish, Clinton, Whiteville, Burgaw, Chadbourn, Mt. Zion, Faison and Wallace.

Mrs. B. F. Hall, agent for the May Johnson Scholarship Fund, made her report. She reported $175.00 in the bank. An earnest appeal for the Faison Male Academy was made by Mrs. Witherington, followed by remarks from Dr. McClure. Dr. McClure suggested that instead of trying to raise a scholarship fund for the two schools the Union pay the interest, $160.00, each year. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Hall to raise a yearly scholarship for the James Sprunt Institute and Faison Male Academy. This motion was carried and each delegate was requested to present this matter to her Society.

Dr. McClure then gave a stirring address on Home Missions.

The subject of State Organization was taken up. Many were in favor of organizing at once, but there being some opposition to an immediate organization it was decided to submit the matter to a committee, who would confer with the other Unions. The following were appointee: Mrs. Witherington, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. H. Grady.

Mrs. Johnson then urged upon the Union the necessity of appointing a representative to visit the churches in the Presbytery. There being no one to undertake the entire work, Mrs. W. M. Shaw promised to visit the churches at Bowden, Seven Springs, Smith's and Stanford. It was also decided that each delegate would present this matter to her Society at the next meeting and see what could be done.

Mrs. G. L. Clark, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, read her report. Invitations for the Day of Prayer were extended from Immanuel and Grove. That of Immanuel was accepted. The invitation for the annual meeting from Clinton was accepted.

Mrs. Tolar, of Kenansville, age 91 years, was elected an honorary member.

Consecration services were conducted by Mrs. Joheson, of Wallace. The key note of this service was READINESS to serve. "Here am I; send me."

Miss Murphy delivered to the Union a message from Mrs. Elizabeth McRae, sent a few days before Mrs. McRae's death.

After a chain prayer, the Union was led in prayer by Mrs. R. M. Williams in behalf of Miss Jessie Hall and the noble work upon which she is soon to enter.

The Union then adjourned.

In the evening Mr. Johnson gave his picture talk on Korea and his hearers had a most vivid glimpse into the lives of both the workers and natives in these Eastern lands.

COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE.

Mrs. Jackson Johnson, Winnabow, N. C., President.
Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Margaret Pierce, Vice-Presidents.
Miss Annie D. Moore, Burgaw, N. C., Corresponding Secretary.
Miss Miriam McFadyen, Clarkton, Recording Sec. and Treas.
Mrs. James C. Stewart, Manager for Young People's Work.
Mrs. W. T. Bannerman, Secretary for Young People's Work.
Mrs. B. F. Hall, Agent for May Johnson Scholarship.
Miss Eliza Murphy, Agent for Hospital Fund.
Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. A. D. McClure Mrs. B. B. Witherington,
Mrs. C. R. Knight.

ORGANIZATION.

Mrs. W. D. Davis, Mrs. D. C. Whitted, Mrs. F. A. Pridgen,
Miss Eva Ward, Mrs. Barden, Miss Maggie Johnson,
Mrs. E. C. Clark.

Mrs. W. H. Chadbourn, Mrs. Anna Moore, Miss Clara Taylor,
Mrs. D. B. Jordan, Miss Winnie Faison.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

This, my seventh annual report, is submitted to the Union with a grateful heart, that in spite of obstacles and discouragements our work has gone forward steadily and hopefully. The burdens and anxieties have pressed heavily upon us again and again until we could but cry out: "Who is sufficient to do these things?" But He is faithful that promised and we can testify that His grace is sufficient and that all the way He hath helped us. The routine work has been about the same as in former years.

The Executive Committee has held four meetings, three of which were well attended.

The two great objects for which we are now working, the "May Johnson Scholarship" and the "Worth Hospital," is going steadily forward, though we should, ere this, have raised all the money that we obligated to raise for our Hospital. Let us at once finish up this bit of work for our Lord and get at something else. It is now three years since we began this work and it should be finished; let us say with all earnestness, "Let us rise up and build."

Our work of organization has not been as active as in former years. I know of only one Society organized since our last meeting, the one at Elizabethtown, which I think the Union can claim as her own true child. I have heard of others indirectly, but as they have not been reported to me, I cannot place them upon record in my report. The Fidelity Band of Southport Church has been suspended for lack of a leader.

Your Executive Committee endeavors to prepare a profitable and uplifting programme for the Day of Prayer, and it is to be deplored that so few of our Societies send representatives to this great feast day. If the time is not suitable let us change it, and appoint a time when our good people can turn out.

I have received letters from both Orange and Fayetteville Unions asking us to consider the plan of co-operating with each other, so as to have our annual meetings consecutively. This will enable the committee at Nashville to furnish us with speakers, and by sharing expenses the burden will not fall heavily on any one Union; thus funds will be saved for the field But better still, it will enable us to have oftener with us the workers at home on furlough. I cannot too heartily urge your thoughtful consideration of this plan. A letter has also come from the Albemarle Union, which reads as follows: "At the last meeting of the

Woman's Missionary Union of Albemarle Presbyterian Church, held in Greenville April, 1906, the question of the wisdom of organizing a Woman's Missionary Union of the Synod of North Carolina was discussed, with the result that a committee of three members, Mrs. W. C. Monroe, Mrs. S. Watkins and Mrs. L. P. Duncan, was appointed to communicate with the Union of the several Presbyteries of the State, asking them to consider this proposition in their respective meetings the coming Spring, so that if it be found advisable such an organization could be effected in the near future. Other denominations are now working upon this plan with marked success. In sending you, therefore, this communication, the undersigned committee desires most earnestly to urge upon all the Unions a prayerful consideration of this matter, and if possible a decision for a State organization.

"MRS. W. C. MONROE,
"MRS. S. WATKINS,
"MRS. L. P. DUNCAN,
"Committee."

Before we act upon this matter we should give it our most earnest thought. In my judgment it is a step forward that will strengthen our work and multiply our usefulness. If the time is ripe for this move, let us thus enlarge our bounds, lengthen the cords and strengthen our stakes. Also, a letter has been received by the committee from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, which reads as follows: "In several of our Unions the work has been undertaken of sending visitors representing the Union into all the churches where the work has not been organized, and also into some churches where Societies already exist, but where the presence of a visitor would be helpful. We would respectfully suggest that this matter be taken up for consideration at you present meeting, and that an effort be made to secure the service of some one who has the gift to do such work effectively, and who can spare the time for it. Furthermore, we will pay the necessary travelling expenses of such visitor in cases where they cannot be otherwise secured."

This is the same plan our Union has been endeavoring to carry out for several years, though we have not made as great a success as we would have wished. Let us now accept this offer if we can find our woman.

Ladies, our Union is in good working order. We have done our work not as a duty only, but our hearts have been in it, and we have labored in love with an eye single to the Master's glory. And now as we look forward to the coming year let us obligate solemnly together to do better things in the future, to day by day practice our Christian faith, to realize more and more that this work which we are doing, this Mission work, is not the work of a

class or a chosen few. but should be the life purpose of every one who has heard the still small voice in their souls. Oh, let us be stirred in these hearts of ours as we think of the love wherewith our Lord hath loved us, and, dear friends, He is not worthy to be our Lord at all, if we do not make Him the Lord of our all and yield Him an unconditional self-surrender.

The call that comes to us this year for service is one of unprecedented opportunities. Take only one instance, and I choose the one in China, because our Hospital is there. This awful famine has filled our Hospitals and schools and homes to overflowing, making an opportunity and obligation not only to feed these starving bodies, but to break unto them the bread of life, and care for and train the children. But more than this, there are signs of a marvelous awakening in this ancient Chinese Empire. That power we all learned to dread so in the Boxer Rebellion a few years ago has at last come over to the modern movement of the scholars of China, and in two of the provinces, where there is a population of fifty-eight million, the Bible is read and studied along with the book of Confucius. Of course this is from their viewpoint wholly intellectual, but we know that "The entrance of His Word giveth light." Then let us be instant in prayer not only for China. but for the six hundred and seventy-five million souls in heathen lands that have never heard of Christ, though it be nearly twenty centuries since He died for them. "Ye that are the Lord's remembrances take ye no rest, and give him no rest, till he establish and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Respectfully submitted and fraternally yours in Christ,

MRS. J. JOHNSON.

Winnabow, N. C., June, 1907.

Since writing my report, I have heard from Dr. Worth that "our Hospital Building" is completed. Read his report.

MRS. JOHNSON.

July, 1907.

REPORT OF MANAGER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S BANDS.

In submitting this, my fifth annual report, to the Woman's Missionary Union, it is with a thankful heart that I can say this department of the work of our Union is progressing. While there was not new Bands organized during the past year, I am glad to report thirty-three Bands in the Presbytery have done good work, as members of the Bands, as members of the Sabbath School and as Church members, they are taking an active part in this service. The gifts of these Bands to Foreign Missions during the year amounts to over $300.00. The special object for which these Bands are working is the support of cots in the Worth Hospital, China. There are several Churches in the Presbytery without an organization of Young People. This ought not to be, and I hope during this year we will be able to organize a Band in every Church in the Presbytery. This would be a glorious report to make at the next meeting of the Union, "A Young People's Society in every Church in the Presbytery! Now, if all our hearts were in this work, we would be like Israel of old, praising the Lord because the people willingly offered themselves, and the work went bravely forward. We are in the infancy of this department of our work. Let us not lax, but push on to greater results.

What the Young People's Societies need most, dear friends, is your prayers and interest. We need you to hold up our hands. The girls and boys of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow. As our young people are trained in this work, so will be the condition of our Church a few years hence.

"The strength of a child is nothing,
But we'll gather in one small band
The strength of ten thousand children
For Christ and the Holy Land!

"For the gifts and the prayers of the children
Gathered in one strong band
Could conquer the world for Jesus,
And make it a Holy Land!"

I am sorry I cannot be with you in this meeting, but my prayers will be with you for the best meeting we have ever had. I wish to thank each Band for the splendid year's work, and urge you to do GREATER things this year upon which we have entered.

I have been greatly aided in the work during the year by Mrs. Bannerman, the very able Secretary of the Young People's Work. In conclusion, let us remember the words of Rabbi Tarphon: "The day is short, and the task is great, and the workmen are sluggish, and the reward is much, and the Master of the House is urgent."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES C. STEWART,

Mgr. Y. P. Work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your Chairman of the Committee on Literature wishes to thank the Societies for their ready compliance with our request in regard to the establishing of a Literature Fund.

This past year has been fraught with many promising aspects. We have been in a position to really do something at last toward the stimulating of the reading of Missionary literature, without which reading there can be no accurate knowledge or lasting enthusiasm on the subject of Missions.

For carrying on the work this year, distributing catalogues, leaflets and other literature, we have had in hand $14.10, contributed by sixteen Societies of the Union.

We expect the same amounts next year from each of these Societies, likewise, we trust that those heretofore unrepresented in the Literature Fund will join in and share the benefits with us in the future.

We desire to have in each Church a local Literature Secretary elected, whose duty shall be to communicate with the Chairman and receieve from her catalogues of publications and samples of new leaflets, to be supplied from the Union Literature Fund. This local Secretary will thereby be enabled to inspire and stimulate her Society to more extended Missionary reading. Also, she should endeavor to meet annually with the Union and avail herself of the opportunity to examine and report on the books best adapted for arousing interest in her work.

We are making arrangements for another year to have the Executive Committee of Nashville to send regularly to the Societies a package of leaflets and helps for the monthly programmes. The funds this year have been used in sending literature to the Vice-President for organization purposes, in distributing leaflets at the James Sprunt Institute and in country Sunday Schools, in sending occasional programmes to the different Societies, and in providing for pamphlets and circulating matter for the Day of Prayer and for the present Union.

The Year Book of Prayer we find helpfnl as a means of grace, and are glad to say many are adopting its use. We urge all of our members to obtain a copy, use it faithfully and see if you ever want to be without it.

Now as to subscriptions to the MISSIONARY, the difficulty lies rather in getting the magazine read. Too often it lies on the

table snowed under by other periodicals. We suggest that we strive to create a more general interest by asking our pastors to begin commenting every month on the best articles.

We wish to emphasize at this meeting the plan of the Mission Study Course. Why should such a class be added to the many other methods of education? Simply because every other method is more general and scattering. The Study Class results in the real acquisition of knowledge. There will be found in every Church a few members who will bind themselves together for such splendid purpose. Large numbers are not necessary to a successful class. More good will result in the end from the regular work of four or five members that finishes with enthusiasm than from a large class that breaks down. Such regular, conscientious study of Missions is an imperative need in the results for which our Union is striving both at home and abroad.

The text book "Aliens or Americans" is especially recommended as a "trumpet call to the Churches for the evangelization of the heathen in our land."

Also, "Coming Americans" is exceptionally fine.

"Christus Liberator" is recommended for the study of Africa.

Other suggestions as to courses of study are best obtained from the Student Voluntesr Movement.

We call you attention to the books, which, through the courtesy of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, we have at our disposal. This includes what we have found to be the latest and best publications on Missionary interests.

For the tract exhibit, we are indebted to the Executive Committee of Nashvillee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET HILL PEIRCE,

Chairman Committee on Literature.

REPORT OF AGENT FOR WORTH HOSPITAL FUND.

A year ago more than one-fourth was still lacking of the whole amount of the Hospital Fund, and the letter received at that time from Mrs. Worth told of increasing hindrances and discouragements in the way of procuring the needed land. However, the representatives present from the Societies proved their loyal interest by renewing their pledges for the year to amount to several hundred dollars.

In the interval from June till October the tide turned in affairs at Kiangyin, and yet at our Day of Prayer a letter just received from Dr. Worth was read full of good news; the most desirable piece of land procured, a contract in hand for the building, the work of grading the site already begun.

The ringing tone of joy and encouragement in this letter revealed to us more than we had realized before how trying this season of delay had been to Dr. Worth.

Our hearts responded with thanksgiving and interest, and pledges added to those previously made reached $1,000. Better than all, we believe that many individual hearts resolved to pray daily on behalf of this work for souls across the seas, which we so truly share.

As a spur to our energies, we were informed that the probability that more than $1,000 would be necessary had proved true—the cost of building having increased and land adjoining the site purchased was needed.

Our Union's Executive Committee, which met in November, decided that they wished this land purchased, if possible, and I was authorized to write that we would pledge ourselves to raise the additional money.

I was also directed to send letters to the Societies asking for a special Christmas offering for the fund. Having failed to do this, I sent out—with friendly help—early in March letters to twenty Societies, urging them to send their regular offerings promptly, and in addition, a thank offering for the most direct and gracious manifestation of God's presence with us: in that He has called another from our own Presbytery to bear His message to a foreign people.

The bright and ready response to this request manifested growing love and earnestness throughout our bounds.

The fund had reached by March 31st, 1907, $4,499.90 and by May 31st, $4,712.75. From this we must deduct the cot support, which has been expended. It has seemed impossible to ascertain from Nashville what this amount was, but I do not think it exceeds the margin over the $4,000, so that we may safely say we have raised the fund, though a year late in doing so.

Of those whose encouragement and help (outside of actual gifts) I would mention, in the first place, that of Dr. and Mrs. Worth. The beautiful certificates, the photographs, the circular letters they have sent, all prepared during the busy days of routine work or in time snatched the Summer vacation. The part we have done seems meagre indeed in the face of such generous and repeated acknowledgement.

And the dear face which was most radiant over offerings and interest, the voice which always rang clear with hope and assurance, the heart which never ceased to pray and claim blessings for us as we wrought, was that of our sainted one, Mrs. MacRae. I am assured that if we do our part well and when souls are won in China by our helping, she will know it and rejoice in the Homeland whence she has gone.

Every brave effort, every sacrifice gladly made; that which has helped most, and we believe pleased our Lord most, faith in His leading, trust in His enabling, faith which has shone in words of encouragement and pointed always "forward." These things it is good and lovely to remember of our co-workers.

In working together to raise this fund, we have become strongly united, and our gifts have increased many fold. We have learned that it is an easy and pleasant thing to do more and more.

But when we turn our faces toward the great dark heathen world crying to us for light and life; when we see strong forces uniting the great world movements, with the watch-cry: "The world for Christ in this generation." When we catch a vision of the Masrer "keeping watch above His own," leading His Church onward in all these things, surely our souls demand not only MORE, but ALL we can give and do.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA W. MURPHY.

REPORT OF THE KIANGYIN (CHINA) HOSPITAL TO THE LADIES' MISSIONARY UNION OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 26, 1907.

My Dear Friends :—

I am very happy to report myself and family at home again and in excellent health. Space in your minutes does not allow me to make more than a brief statement of the new Hospital at Kiangyin, but I am planning to visit during this Summer and Fall most if not all of the Societies which have had a share in building the Hospital and make a report in person of your Hospital, its present condition and future needs. I have a number of large photographs and will have maps of the grounds and buildings, so that you may all get a fair idea of what your Hospital looks like and how the work is carried on. The main building and principal outbuildings have been completed, except painting. At the time I left, May the Ist, the funds were not quite sufficient to paint the whole building, so that Mr. Little is now having the most necessary painted in order that the Hospital may be ready for medical work as soon as I return. The first annual meeting of the first Presbytery of our Church in China was held in our newly finished Hospital in April. It was the first use the building was put to, and the Chinese ministers and elders were the first to enjoy the work of your hands. They were much pleased and were especially idterested to know by whom the Hospital was built. Many members of our mission have inspected the buildings, and all agreed that it is a substantial and convenient as well as pleasing looking building. You will wish to know how much the running expenses will be and what the future needs in the way of development. The building contains a large chapel. seating 400, special waiting room for women, one large dispensary work room, three private work rooms, drug room, store room and class room. These work rooms are used on Sunday as class rooms for our Sunday School, so that we can have six special classes, beside a special class in the chapel. This is a great gain and has helped on the gospel very much already. In the second story are two general wards and five private rooms, besides rooms for the medical students and helpers. Altogether there are 25 beds for patients, and it will

take $25.00 per year to sustain each of these cots—$625.00 per year for the whole Hospital, INCLUDING drugs and supplies and wages of the helpers. We require all patients who are able, to pay for their food. These fees, together with $625.00, will support the whole Hospital, and we expect to slowly make the Hospital self supporting. The most pressing need at present is funds for buying beds, tables, bedding, etc., and erecting two small outside rooms for contagious diseases. About $500.00 is needed for these purposes. Later on we must have a special ward for women, as at present the women patients must each have a chaperone in order to satisfy Chinese ideas of propriety. The chapel has been in use for several months and has many times been overcrowded with hearers.

In closing this report, I will give again a statement of the present and future needs of the Hospital.

Three years ago we attempted to buy a site for the Hospital, and expended four hundred dollars in buying some land and Chinese houses, but the price of surrounding property that we needed to complete our plat went so high that it was necessary to abandon hope of building on the land we had bought. We still own that property and it is being used by our boys' boarding school. The money will be repaid to the Hospital Fund as soon as the school receives that much from home. In the meantime it stands as a part of the money to be used for building a special woman's ward.

Present needs	For Painting	$100 00
	Beds and Furnishing	300 00
	Isolation Rooms	100 00
		$500 00

Running expenses from January, 1908, to 1909 ..... $625 00

Hoping to meet many or all the members of the Union, I am,

Yours sincerely,

GEO. C. WORTH.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1907.

Amonnt received from former Treasurer		$31 58	
" " " contingent dues		42 55	
" " " collection Day of Prayer		2 97	
" " " " June 13 and 14, 1907		35 00	—$112 10
Paid to W. S. W. programs June meeting, 1906	$ 4 75		
" " Mrs. Stewart for mailing programs	95		
" " S. Meares printing minutes of June meeting, 1906	15 00		
" " Express on these minutes	45		
" " Printing programes Day of Prayer	2 75		
" " W. S. W. programs of June meeting, 1907	6 00		
" " Christian Observer, memorial to Mrs. MacRae	5 28		
" " Presbyterian Standard	3 96		
" " Money Orders	26		
" " Dr. McClure	1 50		
" " Mr. Cameron Johnson	40 00		
" " Corresponding Secretary	2 00	—$ 82 90	
Balance on hand			$ 29 20

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM MCFADYEN.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

LADIES' SOCIETIES	No. Members.	Increase Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.	Gain.	Children's Missionary Taken.	Missionaries Taken.
Black River	15		10	$ 20 00	$ 1 33	$		2
Burgaw F. M	18	4	9	50 00	2 77		4	5
" Orphans' Aid	10	2	7	22 00	2 20			
Caswell H. and F. M. S.	15	0	5	76 11	5 07	7 00	4	6
Chadbourn H. M				5 00				
" M	20	1	6	25 00				6
Clarkton H. and F. M. S.	19	0	7	60 00	3 15	43		5
Clinton H. and F. M. S.	23	4	10	63 00	2 73	13 00	1	9
Delgado	6	0	4	8 15	1 35			1
Faison	15	1	10	25 00	1 66			5
Grove F. M. S	14	2	4	20 00		4 00	7	7
Mt. Horeb H. M. S	15	2					1	6
" " F. M. S	15	2	8	7 50	50			
Mt. Olive H. and F. M. S.	21	2	8	22 75	1 10			14
Mt. Zion	17	6	8	19 40	1 14		1	3
New Hope F. M. S	8		5	86 30	10 79			6
Rockfish H. M. S	4			4 60				
" F. M. S	28	7		17 50	62			3
South River	10	2	8	17 50	1 30		1	6
Teacheys	7		6	14 50	2 07		4	4
Wallace H. M. S	50	9	16	25 42	50	15 16		11
" F. M. S	50	9	16	85 50	1 71	29 97		
Warsaw F. M. S	16	3	8	30 00	1 87	5 00		5
Whiteville F. M. S	10	7	5	50 00	5 00	20 00		5
" H. M. S	6	3	5	9 00	1 33			5
Wil. F. M. St. Andrew's	32	3	15	110 00	3 44			8
" Immanuel	16	9	5	10 55	70			3
" E. MacRae 1st Ch	5	0	5	110 80	22 16			
" H. M. S. 1st Ch	58	13	16	600 00	10 34			
" F. M. S. 1st Ch	50		25	305 00	5 75			44
Seven Springs	20							
	593	91	231	$1900 00		$94 56	23	169

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YOUNG PEEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.	No. Members	Increase Membership.	Average Attendance.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.	Gain.	Children's Missionary Taken.	Missionaries Taken.
Black River, K. McDonald	15	3	8	$ 9 50	$ 63	$		
Burgaw, Little Gleaners	20	4	15	12 50	62	None	4	
Chadbourn	16	6	10	5 25	32	None	5	
Clarkton, Juvenile	15			12 50				
" A. McFadyen Bd	18			12 50				
Clinton, B. F. Marabel Bd	21	8	18	30 00	1 42	5 00	2	2
Faison	4	0	4	12 50	3 12		1	
Grove, Children's	14	3	6	16 00	1 15	1 72		6
" Covenanters	20			30 00	1 50		6	2
New Hope	8			10 50	65			3
Rockfish	16	3		6 25				
Southport, Fidelity Band	6		6	8 00			1	4
Teacheys	21	1	15	25 00	1 19		4	
Wallace, Willing Workers	20	10	17	20 00	1 00	6 00		
Warsaw	13		10	12 50				
Wilmington, Emma Worth, Immanuel	19	6	8	23 85	1 25	1 25		
Wilmington, Westminster League	29	1	12	12 50				
Wilmington, Catherine Price, 1st Church	12	3	8	25 00	2 08	2 08		
Wilmington, Covenanters, 1st Church	21	7	15	6 53	30	30		4
	308	55		$290 88			23	21